

**AMY J. PATTILLO, Patent Attorney**  
P.O. Box 161327 - AUSTIN, TEXAS 78716  
FAX # 512-306-0417

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

DATE: 1/6/2006

JAN 06 2006

Number of Pages to Follow (including cover sheet): 5

SEND TO: United States Patent Office  
Examiner: AGDEPPA  
Group Art Unit: 2642  
Fax #: 571-273-8300  
  
FROM: Amy J. Pattillo  
Tel No: 512-402-9820

THIS MESSAGE IS INTENDED ONLY FOR THE USE OF THE INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY TO WHICH IT IS ADDRESSED, AND MAY CONTAIN INFORMATION THAT IS PRIVILEGED, CONFIDENTIAL AND EXEMPT FROM DISCLOSURE UNDER APPLICABLE LAW. IF THE READER OF THIS MESSAGE IS NOT THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, OR THE EMPLOYEE OR AGENT RESPONSIBLE FOR DELIVERING THE MESSAGE TO THE INTENDED RECIPIENT, YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT ANY DISSEMINATION, DISTRIBUTION OR COPYING OF THIS COMMUNICATION IS STRICTLY PROHIBITED. IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED THIS COMMUNICATION IN ERROR, PLEASE NOTIFY US IMMEDIATELY BY TELEPHONE AND RETURN THE ORIGINAL MESSAGE TO US AT THE ADDRESS ABOVE VIA THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. THANK YOU.

Docket No. AUS92001845US1 Serial No. 10/081,014 Atty: AJP

Applicant: BROWN ET AL

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transmittal Letter	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Certificate of Facsimile
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Appeal
<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment AF	<input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Brief (3 copies)
<input type="checkbox"/> Ext. of Time	<input type="checkbox"/> Reply Brief
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IDS Statement	<input type="checkbox"/> Change of Address
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	

Deposit Acct. No. 09-0447

Fees: Amendment \_\_\_\_\_ Notice of Appeal \_\_\_\_\_ Appeal Brief \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

# **RECEIVED** **CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

**JAN 06 2006**

PTO/SB/21 (09-04)

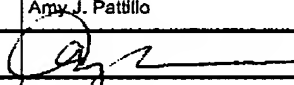
Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

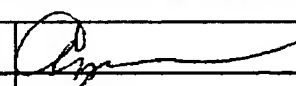
<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/081,014
	Filing Date	2/21/2002
	First Named Inventor	Michael Wayne Brown
	Art Unit	2642
	Examiner Name	
Total Number of Pages In This Submission	Attorney Docket Number	AUS920010845US1

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement  <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Reply to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Landscape Table on CD	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to TC <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to TC (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
<b>Remarks</b> The Commissioner is authorized to charge payment of any necessary fees or credit any overpayments to deposit account 09-0447		

## **SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT**

Firm Name	Amy J. Pattillo		
Signature			
Printed name	Amy J. Pattillo		
Date	1/6/06	Reg. No.	46,983

## **CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING**

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on the date shown below:			
Signature			
Typed or printed name	Amy J. Pattillo	Date	1/6/2006 1/6/06

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to 2 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 and select option 2.

DOCKET NUMBER AUS920010845US1

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

**JAN 06 2006**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Michael Wayne Brown, et al.

Serial No: 10/081,014

Filed: 2/21/2002

Title: **RATING PARTIES ACCORDING TO  
PARTY IDENTITIES**

Group Art Unit: 2642

IBM CORPORATION  
C/O AMY PATTILLO  
P.O. BOX 161327  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78716

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the patentability of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

While this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97(g) the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56 (b) exists.

The patents and/or publications submitted herewith are set forth on the attached form, PTO-1449.

10/081,014

1

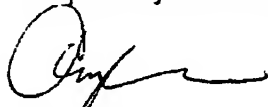
DOCKET NUMBER AUS920010845US1

The undersigned certifies that this IDS is being submitted:

- (1) After the period described in 37 CFR 1.97(c), but before the payment of any issue fee.
- (2) In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(d), Applicants submit the statement specified in 1.97(e) and the fee set forth in 1.17(p). In particular, Applicants state in compliance with 1.97(e)(2) that no item of information contained in the Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application, and, to the knowledge of the person signing the certification after making reasonable inquiry, no item of information contained in the information disclosure statement was known to any individual designated in 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement.

For any fee required in connection with the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 09-0447 for the necessary amount.

Respectfully submitted,

 m 1/6/06

AMY PATTILLO  
Registration No. 46,983  
P.O. BOX 161327  
AUSTIN, TEXAS 78716  
Telephone: 512-402-9820  
Fax: 512-306-0417

10/081,014

2

PTO/SB/(08-03)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE  
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT****Complete if Known**

Application Number	10/081,014
Filing Date	2/21/2002
First Named Inventor	BROWN ET AL.
Examiner Name	
Art Unit	2642
Attorney Docket No.	AUS920010845US1

Examiner Initials	Document Number	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
AA	US 6,871,672	12-30-2003	HECK, LARRY P	
AB	US 6,115,613	09-05-2000	JONSSON, BJORN	

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initial	Foreign Patent Document	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY	Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear

**NON-PATENT LITERATURE**

Examiner Initial	Include name of author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.

Examiner:

Date Considered:

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.